

There has been some discussion of the possible implications of this practice on extraction of subject elements from EAD instances for building catalogs and indexes. While it is true that a simplistic extraction of the contents of such elements would contain the trailing punctuation and spaces where they are included in the element, removing these extra characters is a trivial issue from a programming standpoint.

The *render* Attribute

The <title> and <emph> tags use the render attribute to specify the appearance of PCDATA when transformed by a stylesheet. The render attribute includes such values as doublequote, bold, italics, underline, etc. Here is an example of an italicized title:

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<title render="italic">Darkness Visible</title>
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Some suggestions:

- Use the "doublequote" attribute value as required for titles needing quotation marks. Do not use ISO 8879 or Unicode Hexadecimal References for quotation marks.
- A full list of render attribute values in the *EAD Tag Library* (http://www.loc.gov/ead/tglib/att_gen.html).
- The XSLT stylesheet controls the display of these formatting attributes. If no attribute is specified, no formatting will result. The stylesheet must also be created to interpret the attribute value. If your value does not display properly, it may not be defined in the stylesheet and changes will need to be made.
- Subject elements such as <persname>, <geogname>, etc., may NOT appear within <title> or <emph> elements.
- <title> may occur within <emph>, and <emph> may occur within <title>. <date> may occur within <title>.

It is important to be careful with spacing and punctuation when using the <title> AND <emph> tags especially when using "doublequote" or "underline" render attribute values. Be sure that the closing tag immediately follows all affected text. Otherwise quotation marks or underlines may extend beyond the intended characters and may not conform to standard English practices.

Correct:

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<scopecontent><p>The poem, <title render="doublequote">Trees,</title> which was written...</p></scopecontent>
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Which displays as: The poem, "Trees," which was written...

Incorrect:

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<scopcontent><p>The poem, <title render="doublequote">Trees, </title>which was written...</p></scopcontent>
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